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The Commission on Sustainable Development

1. *Expresses its grave concern with:*

(a) The unfolding of an environmental crisis in the region of the Balkans as a result of the destruction of chemical, oil and other industries in Yugoslavia;

(b) The social and humanitarian consequences resulting from an unprecedented increase of the number of refugees and displaced persons in Yugoslavia and in the neighbouring countries;

(c) The undermining of the social and economic infrastructure which endangers the overall prospects of sustainable development of the region of the Balkans;

2. *Calls upon* all parties involved to stop all actions that aggravate further the environmental, social and humanitarian situation in the region;

3. *Urges* the United Nations system to undertake immediate measures to address the current and long-term sustainable development problems of Yugoslavia and of the neighbouring countries in light of the current situation;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme, working in collaboration with relevant international and non-governmental organizations, to undertake, as a matter of urgency, a comprehensive assessment of the environmental consequences of the present situation in the region and identify the actions that the international community needs to undertake in order to overcome them.

